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CLOSED

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES, :

: Criminal Action No. 05-592 (SRC) Plaintiff, :

: OPINION & ORDER

v. :

WILLIAM MAYES

Defendant.

CHESLER, District Judge

This matter comes before the Court upon the Motion for Early Release From

Probation/Federal Supervised Release (docket item 27) filed by Defendant William Mayes. The

United States has opposed the motion (docket item 28). The Court has considered the written

submissions and, for the reasons discussed below, denies Defendant's motion for early release.

On August 4, 2005 Defendant Mayes entered a plea of guilty to one count of conspiring with others to deal in firearms without a license, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. On April 6, 2006, Defendant was sentenced to a forty-month term of incarceration and a three-year term of supervised release. Defendant has been on supervised release for twenty months, has satisfied all terms and conditions of his probation during those twenty months and has satisfied all payments and community service obligations. Based on such performance,

Defendant seeks early release from probation. While Defendant is in compliance with the terms

of probation, "mere compliance with the terms of probation or supervised release is what is

expected of probationers, and without more, is insufficient to justify early termination." United

States v. Caruso, 241 F.Supp. 2d 466, 469 (D.N.J. 2003); see also Title 18 U.S.C. Section

3583(e)(1) ("The Court may . . . terminate a term of supervised release and discharge the

defendant released at any time after the expiration of one year of supervised release . . . if it is

satisfied that such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of

justice."); Caruso, 241 F. Supp at 468 ("There is general agreement that the early termination of

probation . . . is warranted only in cases where the defendant demonstrates changed

circumstances, such as exceptionally good behavior.").

Here, Defendant has failed to identify any changed circumstances, such as exceptionally

good behavior. Defendant simply states he "has successfully completed one-half of his

probationary/Supervised Release period and is therefore eligible for early release." As discussed,

compliance, alone, is insufficient for early release.

Accordingly, **IT IS** on this 24th day of August, 2010,

ORDERED that Defendant's Motion for Early Release (docket item 27) be and hereby

is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this case is **CLOSED**.

s/ Stanley R. Chesler

Stanley R. Chesler, U.S.D.J

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